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John Lyons, Director
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KY Natural Resources & Environmental
Protection Cabinet
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Art Williams, Director
Air Pollution Control District of Jefferson County
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Dear Mr. Lyons and Williams:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed Kentucky's Louisville 8-Hour Ozone Maintenance State Implementation Plan (SIP) to determine the adequacy of the motor vehicle emissions budgets (MVEBs), pursuant to section 93.118(e)(4) of the Transportation Conformity Rule (40 C.F.R. Part 93, Subpart A). The final submittal was provided for EPA approval on September 29, 2006. The Transportation Conformity rule identifies limited technical and administrative criteria that must be used in determining adequacy of submitted SIP MVEBs for transportation conformity purposes. We have determined that Kentucky's Louisville 8-Hour Ozone Maintenance SIP contains adequate regional MVEBs for the bi-state Louisville area. In a separate letter to the State of Indiana, EPA is providing a similar determination for these same MVEBs as provided in Indiana's 8-Hour Ozone Maintenance SIP for this area.


Kentucky's 8-Hour Ozone Maintenance SIP for the bi-state Louisville area has MVEBs for both volatile organic compounds (VOC) and nitrogen oxides (NOx) for 2003 and 2020. Indiana's 8-Hour Ozone Maintenance Plan for this area contains identical MVEBs for VOC and for NOx for 2003 and 2020 for this area. Specifically, the VOC MVEBs are 40.97 tons per day (tpd) for 2003, and 22.92 tpd for 2020; the NOx MVEBs are 95.51 tpd for 2003, and 29.46 tpd for 2020. These MVEBs meet the standard requirements that any MVEB must meet before it can be used to determine conformity for a transportation improvement program or long range transportation plan. This adequacy finding does not relate to the merits of the SIP submittal nor does it indicate whether the submittal meets the requirements for approval.

EPA opened a comment period on the adequacy of the MVEBs contained in Kentucky's Louisville 8-Hour Ozone Maintenance SIP by posting the availability of the SIP on our website on April 27, 2007 (See www.epa.gov/otaq/stateresources/transconf/currrips.htm). The comment period for the adequacy of the MVEBs closed on May 29, 2007. No comments related to the adequacy of the MVEBs were received during EPA's adequacy comment period.

More information on SIPs and adequacy reviews is available on the EPA website. EPA will publish a notice in the Federal Register announcing this adequacy finding in the very near future. The Federal Register notice will also announce the date that the adequacy finding becomes effective (generally 15 days after publication). The 2003 and 2020 MVEBs will be available for use on the effective date.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Kay Prince of EPA Region 4 at (404) 562-9026 or me at (404) 562-9077.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Beverly H. Banister".

Beverly H. Banister
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